

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in this application. Claims 24, 27, and 29 have been amended. Claims 26 and 28 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Therefore, claims 1-25, 27, and 29-33 remain pending in the present application.

Allowed and Objected To Claims

Claims 1-23 were previously allowed.

Claims 28-33 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 24-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,838,697 to Kurandt (“Kurandt”). Claims 26-27 were rejected as being unpatentable over Kurandt in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,910,701 to Henderson et al. (“Henderson”).

The Office Action states:

As to claim 28, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious [that] the filter has associated therewith a filter bandpass being relatively narrow compared to the first bandwidth and the second bandwidth, in combination with the rest of the limitations of the claims.

Office Action, p. 5. To expedite prosecution, independent claim 24 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 28 and claim 26, from which claim 28 depended. Accordingly, claims 26 and 28 have been cancelled.

Accordingly, independent claim 24 and its dependent claims 25, 27, and 29-33 should now be allowable.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that the claims are in a condition for allowance and action toward that end is earnestly solicited. Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Nixon Peabody LLP Deposit Account No. 50-4181 (Order No. 247082-84USPT).

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